among the caste and classes that this murmur may be put into a practical demonstration that the "unwritten law" PANAMA CANAL A SUCCESS, SAYS PRESIDENT is not applicable in all cases.

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Both the mother and wife of the dead man are in critical condition as a result of the fragedy. The death of either may be the signal

The entire trouble arose, according to

fact that Bywaters, one hour after mar-rying Viola Strathers, who was too ill to rise from her bed for the ceremony, peper, three miles away.

Twelve Bullet Wounds.

testimony at the inquest late vesterday afternoon was that, when Byed to escape from a second story winbody with twelve bullet wounds. He fell window, where he was left, uncared for,

What will mother say?" faltered Bywaters. "I wanted to see her. I was soing to spend the night with her,"
According to Arr. Lemon's story, the bridgegroom over mentioned his bride.
Mr. Lemon ought him water and whisky, and ... lived thirty minutes after falling on the roof.

Revelation Expected.

It is expected that at the inquest, which will be continued on Wednesday some clear explanation may be obtained of what happened in the bride's room prior to Bywaters' flight. It was in that room that the bride, Bywaters, James and Philip Strother, and Mrs. Gaines, a sister of the bride, were talking Just before the shooting.

E. S. Gaines, brother-in-law of the

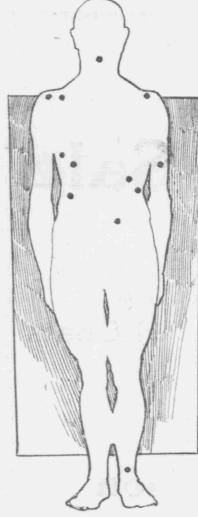
Bywaters married Viola, but after the edding ne gave us to understand that e-considered his duty done. My wife monstrated with him, and told him at because or the illness of our child e-would be unable to stay all night th Viola, and she told bywater she

Bywaters again said he would not the boys went up, and Mrs. s went up. When I started up the I met Bywatere coming down, as

when I brought him back he made the window. Then the boys began shoot. He got out the window and on the porch. None of us went to

Girl in Washington.

The story told by the Stro-is that Viola Strother was



The autopsy revealed that By waters was shot twelve times. There were five .22-caliber wounds and seven .38-ealiber. One shot was found at the base of the brain, four in the shoulders and arms, one lodged in his left ankle, and six others in different parts of the

ton under such circumstances as led them to ask an explanation from By-waters, who denied any connection with the affair. Shortly after her return from Washington, Miss Strother became seriously ill, and Bywaters appeared at her home Saturday morning.

Died.

TANNER—On Sunday, December 16, 1906 Capt. Z. I. TANNER, U. S. N., retired. Particulars in another column.

HILL—Departed this life on Saturday, December 15, 1906, at I:40 a, m., Rev. JAMES HARVEY HILL, beloved husband of Sarah Hill, father of Pearl and Leander and uncle of Lillie Hill, pastor of First Baptist Church, corner Dumbarton avenue and Twenty-seventh street northwest.

Funeral Tuesday, December 13, from First Baptist Church, 1 o'clock p. m. Body will lie in state from 1 o'clock Monday until Tuesday, 12 o'clock.

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"They are doing something which will redound immeasurably to the credit of America, which will benefit all the world, and which will last for long ages to come. Under Mr. Shonts and Mr. Stevens and Dr. Gorgas this work has started with every omen of good fortune. "AMONG THE VERY GREATEST CONQUESTS."

"They and their worthy associates, from the highest to the lowest, are entitled to the same credit that we would give to the picked men of a victorious army; for this conquest of peace will, in its great and far-reaching effect, stand as among the very greatest conquests, whether of peace or of war, which have ever been won by any of the peoples of mankind.

"A badge is to be given to every American citizen who for a specified time has taken part in this work; for participation in it will hereafter be held to reflect honor upon the man participating, just as it reflects honor upon a soldier to have belonged to a mighty army in it war for righteousness. Our fellow-countrymen on the isthmus are working for our interest and for the national renown in the same spirit and with the same efficiency that the men of the army and navy work in time of war. It behooves us in our turn to do all we can to hold up their hands and to aid them in every way to bring their great work to a triumphant conclusion."

ONE INSTEAD OF SEVEN COMMISSIONERS.

Four important announcements, or, rather, suggestions, are coutained in the message:

First, that a seven-headed commission is a clumsy affair and that there should be but one commissioner, with heads of departments

Second, the employment of the best engineers in the country as onsulting engineers should be expressly permitted. Third, that Dr. Gorgas is to be made a member of the commission

if the law as to its composition remains unchanged. Fourth, several thousand Chinese laborers are to be given a trial.

Three Whirlwind Days Of Canal Investigating

The first 2,000 words or so of the message are taken up in telling of the details of the three days spent on the isthmus, how twelve to eighteen hours a day were spent instrenuous investigation, no detail being too small for inquiry, no complaint too insignificant to receive its proper attention. The President then continues:

GENERAL FEATURES OF THE WORK.

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Funeral from late residence, 2200 M street orthwest, Tuesday, December 18, at 8:39 m. Mass at St. Stephen's Church at 3 clock. Interment at Helyrood Cemetery, 18 country has never made a

vince me of the wisdom of Congress in sea-level canal. There seems to be universal agreement among all people

"At the outset I wish to pay a tribute to the amount of work done by the French Canal Company under very difficult circumstances. Many of the buildings they put up were excellent, and are still in use, though, naturally, the houses are now getting out of repair and are being used as dwellings only until other houses can be built, and much of the work they did in the Culebra cut, and some of the work they did in digging, has been of direct and real benefit. This country has never made a better investment than the \$40,000,000 which it paid to the French Company for work and betterments, including especially the Panama railroad.

Route and Type the Best.

"An inspection on the ground at the height of the rainy season served to convince me of the wisdom of Congress in the formance.

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"At the outset I wish to pay a tribute to the amount of work done by the French Canal Company in the catal care in the stateny of the staten first. and these could not be taken first. This country has never made a better in photographs of what I saw while I was on the listhmus. Nothing how the dry season to haul water, for the use of the problem of getting and keeping a sufficient labor supply would have been disastrous. The various prelimination of the isthmus. Nothing how the dry season to haul water, for the use of the taken first. The country has a taken first. The country has never made a better in a photographs of what I saw while I was deeping as wifficient labor supply would have been due to taken first. The country has never made a better in a photographs of what I saw on the list house of the most arrusing (as well as di

Gorgas for Commissioner.

"The first great problem to be solved. upon the solution of which the success of the rest of the work depended, was competent to judge that the Panama route, the one actually chosen, is much superior to both the Nicaragua and Darien routes.

"The wisdom of the canal management has been shown in nothing more clearly than in the way in which the foundations of the work have been laid. To have yielded to the natural impati-

our ordinary municipal work. Throughout the zone and in the two cities of Panama and Colon, in addition to the sanitation work proper, he has had to do all the work that the Marine-Hospital service does as regards the nation, that the health department officers do in the various States and cities, and that Colonel Waring did in New York when he cleaned its streets. The results have been astounding. The isthmus had been a by-word for deadly unhealthfulness. Now, after two years of our occupation, the conditions as regards sickness and the death rate compare favorably with reasonably healthy localities in the United States. Especial care has been devoted to minimizing the risk due to the presence of those species of mosquitoes which have been found to propagate malarial and yellow fevers. In all the settlements the little temporary towns or cities composed of the white and black employes, which grow up here and there in the tropic jurgle as the needs of the work dictate, the utmost care is exercised to

Saw But One Mosquito.

Everywhere are to be seen the drainge ditches which in removing the water have removed the breeding places of the osquitoes, while the whole jungle is cut away for a considerable space around the habitations, thus destroying the places in which the mosquitoes take These drainage ditches and learings are in evidence in every settleresence of mosquito screens around the presence of mosquito screens around the plazzas, and of mosquito doors to the nauses, not to speak of the careful funi-gation that has gone on in all infected houses, doubtless explain the extraordinary absence of mosquitoes. As a matter of fact, but a single mosquito, and this not of the dangerous species, was seen by any member of our party during my three days on the isthmus."

Drank From Colon's Reservoir.

In discussing the improvement of Coon's water supply, he says: "It was not practicable, with the force at the commission's disposal, and in at the commission's disposal, and in view of the need that the force should be used in the larger town of Panama, to begin this work before early last winter. Water mains were then haid in the town, and water was furnished to the people early in March from a temporary reservoir. This reservoir proved to be of sufficient capacity before the end of the dry season, and the shortage was made upgaby hauling water over the Panama railroad, so that there was at all times an ample supply of the very best water. Since that time the new reservoir back of Mount Hope has been practically completed. I visited this reservoir, it is a lake over a mile long and half a mile broad. It now carries some 500,000,000 gallons of first-clar water. I forward herewith a photograp of this lake, together with certain other

Bad as the Avenue Before Grant.

"I rode through the streets of Colon, seeing them at the height of the rainy

the side streets are also in good condition. In others the charge in the streets is rapidly going on. Through three-fourths of the town it is now possible to waik, even during the most severe critics of the commission criticise them for predictive three fourths of the town it is now possible to waik, even during the form of the charge of the commission criticise them for predictive three fourths of the town it is now possible to waik, even during the following the following

this honest complaint was typical of This is dene by a police force which what occurred when I investigated most at present numbers over 200 men, under this honest complaint was typical of what occurred when I investigated most of the other honest complaints made to the other honest complaints made to me. That is, where the complaints were not made wantonly or maliciously, they almost always proved due to failure to appreciate the fact that time was necessary in the creation and completion of this Titanic work in a tropic wilderness.

This is done by a police force which at present numbers over 200 men, under Captain Shanton. About one-fifth of the section of WASHINGTON for the election of directors for the ensuing year will be black. In different places I questioned and the others black. In different places I questioned had been are white and the others black. In different places I questioned had been are white and the others black. In different places I questioned had been are white and the others black. In different places I questioned had been are white and the others black. In different places I questioned had been are white and the others black. In different places I questioned had been are white and the others black. In different places I questioned had been are white and the others black. In different places I questioned had been are white and the others black. In different places I questioned had been are white and the others black. In different places I questioned had been are white and the others black. In different places I questioned had been are white and the others black. In different places I questioned had been are white and the others black. In different places I questioned had been are white and the others black. In different places I questioned had been are white and the others black. In different places I questioned had been are white and the others black. In different places I questioned had been are white and the others black. In different places I questioned had been are white and the others black. In different places I questioned had been are white and the others black at places I questioned had been are white and the others black at p

mot made wantonly or maliciously, they almost always proved due to failure to appreciate the fact that time was necessary in the creation and completion of this Titanic work in a tropic wilderness it is impossible to invoid some mistakes in building a giant canal through jungle-covered mountains and swamps, while at the same time sanitating tropic cities, and providing for the feeding and general care of from twenty to thirty thousand workers. The complaints brought to me, either of insufficient provision in caring for nise the purements of Colon, or of failure to build wooden sidewalks for the use of the laborers in the rainy season on investigation proved almost without exception, to be due merty to the titer inability of the commission to do everything at once.

"For instance, it was imperative that Panama, which had the highest death rate and where the chance of a yellow fever epidemic was strongest the combined to the delay in taking care of Colon were due to the inability or unwillingness to appreciate this simple fact. Again, as the thousands of laborers are brought over and housed, it is not always possible at the outset to supply wooden walks and bath houses, because other more vital necessites have to be met; and in consequence, while ones of the rames of the save not yet ben laid down, and I visited one where the bath houses have not yet ben laid down, and I visited one where the bath houses have not yet ben laid down, and I visited one where the bath houses have not yet ben laid down, and I visited one where the bath houses are already up, and in every case the union of the seeming tents are used pending the building of houses.

Critics Not Consistent.

"Care and forethought nave been examine at the men are used to the indication and the discipline. And indiscipline, the purchase of the bath of the free man at a questioned had served in the firm the best type of American solicemen whom I questioned had served in the Pittine and the objective with the whom I questioned had served in the Pittine and t

"Care and forethought nave been extoo fast or to be deterred by the fear of criticism from not going ahead fast enough. It is curious to note the fact (Continued on Third Page.)

Complaints Not Well Founded.

of the employes, it is of course necessary to provide for policing the Zone

The Men Behind the Spade.

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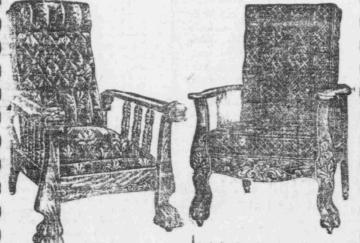
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